

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Earl Smith of
Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Robert Earl Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was born June 5, 1973 in Oak Ridge, the son of Willie Jean Robertson and Charlie Smith, Jr.; he was the step-son of Jimmy Robertson; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Anderson County and a 1991 graduate of Oak Ridge High School, Robert Smith was a highly respected member of the Oak Ridge community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith was an active and devout member of the Spurgeon Chapel AME Zion Church, and was an avid fan and participant in basketball, football and chess; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his grandfather, Charlie Smith, Sr., and an uncle, Jimmy Smith; he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith is survived by sisters and brothers-in-law, Vanessa and Dredrick Brown, Teresa and Warren Russell, Nancy and Anthony White, and sister, Michelle Robertson, as well as grandparents, Homer and Willie Mae Young and Betty Smith; he also leaves behind a number of aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, great-aunts and great-

uncles, cousins, and a host of other relatives and special friends. Mr. Smith was the proud parent of Sherius Robert Earl Smith; and

WHEREAS, Robert Smith leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional young man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Robert Earl Smith, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living an exemplary life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Robert Earl Smith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.